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“Comfort Women,” a euphemism for sexual slaves, were taken by the Japanese Army in occupied territories before and during the war. “Comfort Women” can be taught as an example of institutionalized sexual slavery, and one of the largest cases of human trafficking in the twentieth century; estimates on the total number of comfort women vary, but most argue that hundreds of thousands of women were forced into these situations during Japanese occupation.

The United States Office of War information Psychological Warfare Team Attached to U.S. Army Forces India-Burma Theatre APO 689 issued the Japanese Prisoner of War Interrogation Report No. 49. dated October 1 1944 attached herewith <http://www.exordio.com/1939-1945/codex/Documentos/report-49-USA-orig.html> which is available from the US National Archives and Records Administration.

Please let me quote the excerpt of the report.

I quote 'They (comfort women) lived well because their food and material was not heavily rationed and they had plenty of money with which to purchase desired articles. They were able to buy cloth, shoes, cigarettes, and cosmetics to supplement the many gifts given to them by soldiers who had received "comfort bags" from home. While in Burma they amused themselves by participating in sports events with both officers and men, and attended picnics, entertainments, and social dinners. They had a phonograph and in the towns they were allowed to go shopping.

I believe that this description of the life is far from that of sex slaves in every sense.

Under Clinton and Bush administration, the Inter Working Group (IWG) spent seven years and \$35 million to scrutinize the more than 8.5 million pages of unpublished and confidential documents prepared by OSS, the US Army, CIA, FBI and other clandestine agents and failed to find an evidence suggesting that Japanese government and its military systematically involved in abduction of women and forced them to into prostitution.

I am not able to provide an evidence showing that Japanese government and its military did not systematically involve in abduction of women and force them to into prostitution in an exhaustive manner. In fact, it is not my obligation to do so. The burden of proof on legal responsibilities rather lies on the side insisting Japanese government and its military systematically involved in abduction of women and forced them to into prostitution. Apparently, they have not fulfilled the obligation yet.

I feel sorry for those women suffering in the misery and destitute in that respect. However, it is neither fair nor appropriate to implicate the unproven Japanese

government and its military legal obligation in the comfort women issue, especially in young children textbook.

Best regards,

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